

*SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS*

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7 with:

The present invention relates to ~~rod-type~~ rod-shaped solid-state laser apparatuses, and particularly to rod support structures for stably extracting laser beams from ~~rod-type~~ rod-shaped solid-state laser media.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 1 with:

Fig. 1 is a sectional configuration view illustrating the structure of a ~~rod-type~~ rod-shaped solid-state laser apparatus in Embodiment 1 of the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a sectional configuration view illustrating the structure of a ~~rod-type~~ rod-shaped solid-state laser medium support member for a solid-state laser apparatus in solid-state laser medium support member for a ~~rod-type~~ rod-shaped solid-state laser apparatus in Embodiment 2 of the present invention;

Fig. 3 is a sectional configuration view illustrating the structure of a solid-state laser medium support member for a ~~rod-type~~ rod-shaped solid-state laser apparatus in Embodiment 3 of the present invention;

Fig. 4 is a sectional configuration view illustrating the structure of a solid-state laser medium support member for a ~~rod-type~~ rod-shaped solid-state laser apparatus in Embodiment 4 of the present invention;

Fig. 5 is a sectional configuration view illustrating the structure of a solid-state laser medium support member for a ~~rod-type~~ rod-shaped solid-state laser apparatus in Embodiment 5 of the present invention;

Fig. 6 is a sectional configuration view illustrating the structure of a solid-state laser medium support member for a conventional ~~rod-type~~ rod-shaped solid-state laser apparatus; and

Fig. 7 is a sectional configuration view illustrating the structure of a solid-state laser medium support member in another conventional ~~rod-type~~ rod-shaped solid-state laser apparatus.